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**SUBJECT:** Update: *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) Vaccine and Hib  
Vaccine Requirement for Licensed Child-care Center Attendance in New Jersey

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In March 2009, in response to the shortage of *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) vaccine resulting from the voluntary recall of certain Hib-containing vaccines, the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS) Vaccine Preventable Disease Program (VPDP) waived the N.J.A.C. 8:57– 4.15 requirement which mandates that children who have completed the primary Hib series and are attending any licensed child-care center receive the Hib booster dose on or after the first birthday. The waiver applied only to the booster dose. The requirement for children 2--11 months of age enrolling in or attending any child-care center to have received a minimum of two age-appropriate doses of a separate or combination Hib conjugate vaccine, or fewer as appropriate for the child's age, remained in effect. Information regarding NJ vaccine requirements for school attendance is available at <http://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/imm.shtml>.

**NJDHSS will be lifting the waiver and reinstating the Hib vaccine mandate effective September 2011.** This early notice will afford health care providers and guardians ample opportunity to ensure that children are immunized in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:57 – 4.15 for the upcoming 2011—2012 school year.

This update is based upon CDC's assessment of the existing national Hib vaccine supply and will be reassessed if the supply changes. Updated information about the national Hib vaccine supply is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/shortages/default.htm>.

Details about the routine Hib schedule are available at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm#child>.

Adverse events following receipt of any vaccine should be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) at <http://vaers.hhs.gov>.

Information regarding the NJ Vaccine Preventable Disease Program is available at <http://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/vdpd> or calling (609) 826-4860.

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